

Committee on Community Safety
October 15, 2009 Summary
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1. Call to order: 7:20 pm

- Tim Manke chaired the meeting in the absence of Chair, Tony Casasanta.

Present: Sheryl Werner, Mitch Page, Tim Manke, Mike Pizzuto

Absent: Tony Casasanta, Chris Ganzer, Dave Tompkins

Also attending: Ken Freidenberg, Director of Human Services

2. Approval of 8/20/09 Summary – Unanimously Approved

3. Public Participation – None

4. Report on focus group with seniors

- Ken Freidenberg reviewed the August 20 summary sent out prior to the meeting.
- The Committee suggested that the Town Manager consider having Departments regularly submit articles to the Newington Town Crier and Newington Life in an effort to get more information out to the public and in particular seniors. This will be considered along with any other recommendations made by the full committee to be submitted in January.

5. Asset Building

- Mitch Page and Ken Freidenberg reported on the meeting they and Dave Tompkins had with Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Collins, who explained several reasons that the survey could not be done this year. Most importantly, the school is under the hours they need for instructional time so they are unable to spare the time it would take to do the asset survey. Dave Tompkins agreed to explore other options.

6. Committee Direction

- Members asked about the citizen survey mentioned in the August 20 summary. Ken Freidenberg explained that a Citizen Survey was administered in 1994 and 2000 and will bring copies to the next meeting.
- Members discussed various alternative methods of surveying the public including sending a survey through the tax bills or an insert in Newington Life.
- Mitch Page agreed to follow up with the High School and Middle School PACs to schedule time at their November meetings. He will e-mail members on the dates and obtain confirmations on who will attend each meeting.

6. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm



Respectfully Submitted: Ken Freidenberg, Director of Human Services

Next Meeting November 19, 2009 7pm